

ROWLEY GETS A NEW TITLE

Secret Service Revamped In Wake Of Surveys

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Washington, Nov. 10—The Treas-

ury Department today announced a sweeping reorganization of the Secret Service, designed to change its structure in light of the Warren Commission reports, subsequent studies and manpower growth.

James J. Rowley, chief of the service, will remain at the top as director. But in place of one deputy chief and an assistant chief, the service will now have four assistant directors.

Rufus W. Youngblood, the agent who threw himself on top of President Johnson in Dallas in 1963 to protect him from the gunfire that killed President Kennedy, has been named assistant director in charge of protective forces, one of the new positions.

Simplification Sought

David C. Acheson, special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury, said the reorganization reflected changes made in the last eighteen months and was designed to "simplify the lines of supervision."

He said it would insure "there are not as many small pieces reporting directly to the director." He added Rowley would "look primarily to these four assistants" for supervision.

Besides Youngblood, who had headed the White House detail, Thomas J. Kelley, now an inspector, was named assistant director for investigations, and Walter H. Young, now special agent in charge of the protective research section, was designated assistant director for protective intelligence. An assistant director for administration is still to be named.

Kelly will head the section which deals with counterfeiting and forgery of Government checks, a less dramatic sphere of Secret Service activity than its protection of the President, Vice President and their families and past Presidents and their families.

The Secret Service has been

perfectly up considerably since Kennedy's assassination, which led the Warren Commission to comment last September:

"The complexities of the Presidency have increased so rapidly in recent years that the Secret Service has not been able to develop or to secure adequate resources of personnel and facilities to fulfill its important mission. This situation should be promptly remedied."

From a strength of about 600 a year ago, its manpower has grown to 920 today. The boost was explained to Congress last February by C. Douglas Dillon, then Secretary of the Treasury, who appealed for an increase of 334 men and a budget boost of nearly 40 per cent to \$12,627,000 by saying:

"Without these additional resources it simply will not be possible for the Secret Service to provide the protection to the President and his family that the tragic event of November 1963 has proved to be necessary."

Dillon, a member of a special committee named by Mr. Johnson to evaluate the Warren Commission's critical treatment of Secret Service protection, recommended a year ago that the service's own long-range plans for growth be implemented and increased immediately.

Fowler Makes Announcement

Henry H. Fowler, Secretary of the Treasury, announced the reorganization today, saying it was intended "to give the Washington headquarters of Secret Service a more effective means of supervision over a service that is expanding in size and changing in methods. The changes do not affect the number of agents regularly employed on the White House detail."

The statement made no mention of the Warren Commission report.

It said the plan had been composed by Acheson, who is special assistant to Fowler for law enforcement, and Rowley. The order effecting the changes was signed October 29 by Joseph E. Barr, Under Secretary of the Treasury.

No official explanation was available for the delay in announcing the changes. Elements of the story began to trickle out

Austin last night when reporters noticed Youngblood's absence and questioned Bill D. Moyers, presidential press secretary.

Rowley's Rank Upgraded

A Secret Service spokesman said Rowley's new title, that of director, represented an increase in status. It is equivalent to the title of J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Admiral William F. Raborn of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Other appointments announced today were Burfill A. Peterson, now inspector, to be assistant to Rowley for information and liaison, and Jackson N. Krill, now chief inspector (in charge of inspection and audit) to be assistant to Rowley for inspection and audit.

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